

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

The Applicant is pleased to note that the Examiner considers claims 19-34 to contain allowable subject matter. These claims were not changed in this amendment.

The examiner rejected claims 1-17. In response these claims were canceled.

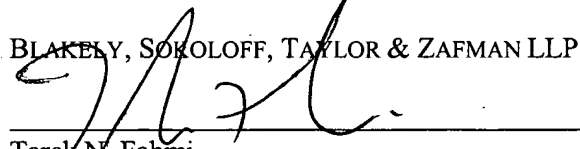
The examiner objected claim 18 but stated that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response claim 18 was rewritten such as to include the limitations of claim 14 from which it depended upon.

It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Tarek N. Fahmi at (408) 947-8200 ext. 219.

Respectfully submitted,

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